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FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS ALREADY PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	10	16	-XX (Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	3	4	1 (Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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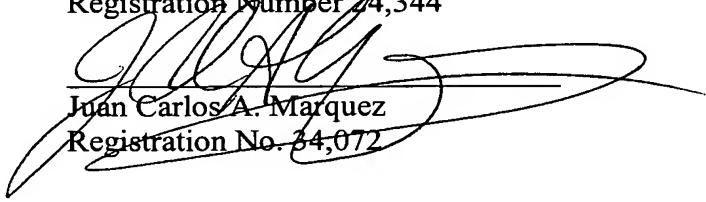
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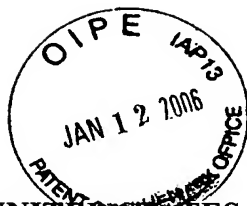
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In re U.S. Patent Application of)	
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HIGAKI et al.)	Art Unit 2186
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Application Number: 10/768,439)	Examiner
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Filed: February 2, 2004)	
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For: STORAGE SYSTEM AND)	
STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE)	
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Attorney Docket No. HITA.0508)	

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on February 9, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: